I was delighted to learn from your letter received this morning that the Govt. of India have passed orders, re-transferring the Bowringpet - Shemoga, Mysore - Kanjungud & Bangalore - Mysore Lines to State Management — a real gain to the State on which I heartily congratulate you, for I know this will be done on a "measure for by our own unaided efforts.

I hope to decide the question of a fourth Member of Council when you come down here for the Assembly.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

Sir M. Visvesvaraya
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BALLABROOIE,
HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE.

30th March 1918.

Your Highness,

On the last Council meeting day (the 28th inst.) I obtained the views of the three Members of Council and of the Financial Secretary in a strictly personal and confidential manner (i.e., without any one gentleman knowing what the others said) on the question as to what should be our attitude about any further War Contribution from the State. Their replies in original are herewith submitted for favour of Your Highness's consideration.

Your Highness may be aware that H.E.H. the Nizam is contributing Rs 3 lakhs a month. But it must be remembered also that we are already paying a Tribute which is nearly equal to Rs 3 lakhs a month

Should Your Highness think that any further action is necessary I will submit definite proposals. If not,